



LILLESBALL & DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter

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Ossuary

The photo on the left was taken from the October 2004, Issue 7 of the Parish Newsletter.

This is how the ossuary at St. Michael's Church, Lilleshall looked after removing all the ivy from the building.

On the right is how it looks today after undertaking a full restoration.



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Birthdays Bumps!

Donnington's very first club for pregnant mums named "The Bump Club" celebrated its first birthday last week. Bump Club first opened its doors to the pregnant women of Donnington on 22nd September 2005, and is run weekly by trained volunteers Barbara King and Emma Sincock. It is based at Donnington Community House on The Glebelands in Donnington Wood. To celebrate one year of the 'Bump Club', co-ordinated by Telford & Wrekin Primary Care Trust, the original Bump Club mums were invited to its 1st birthday party. Although only bumps when the mums first attended in September 2005, these bumps are now babies up to 10 months old!

Photographs were displayed of the mums with their bumps and newborn babies, taken over the past year. Everyone played traditional children's party games, such as pass the parcel, and ate a beautiful birthday cake iced with the Bump Club logo. Also on offer were non-alcoholic fruit cocktails which proved a big hit with the mums! The aim of the group is to provide support & advice to Donnington women during pregnancy, and also to offer a means of socializing with other pregnant mums. On hand is practical advice on topics such as breastfeeding, weaning, and helping baby sleep through the night.

The local midwife also sees women for their first ante-natal appointment at Donnington House, and it is at this point that the mum receives a Bump Club voucher and invite to the Bump Club. The voucher entitles the pregnant mum to a free pack of goodies at the Bump Club, with some great gifts for both mother and baby. Two more vouchers are available at subsequent ante-natal appointments.

Donnington House is a relaxed and informal venue, and has been designed to resemble a home, where both mums and babies can feel very comfortable.

Any pregnant women living in the Donnington area can attend, (even if you don't have a voucher) and there is no need to book, you can just turn up. The Bump Club runs from 9.30am to 11.30am every Thursday. Please call the Health Promotion team on 01952 686 310 for more details.



BBB... "Well, I'm due in two weeks. And you?"

Forum celebrates 1000th member

The Telford & Wrekin Senior Citizens' Forum is celebrating the announcement of its 1000th member, Mrs Enid Evans from The Rock. With a background in raising positive awareness for charitable and voluntary organisations, Mrs Evans joined the Forum to strengthen the voice of older people in Telford & Wrekin and help promote a positive attitude towards ageing.

Martin Brookes, Chairman of the Telford & Wrekin Senior Citizens' Forum said: 'We're thrilled to have reached such a landmark number of members in such a short period of time. 18 months ago, when The Forum materialised, we could never have imagined such a positive response.

Our growth shows that there is a need for a group such as ours to represent the views and concerns of a growing community of ageing people in the Telford & Wrekin area. Our aspirations are to influence decision-makers on better services for older people and our community of 1000 members will certainly add power to that voice.'

For free membership and regular updates on issues which affect local older people, please phone Kim Grosvenor, the Age Concern Involving Older People Officer supporting The Forum on 01952 582931.

Citizens Advice Bureaux

Telephone advice: Monday to Friday 10 – 3.

0845 1461554

Madeley CAB (open door) Tues. & Fri.: 10 – 3

Telford Town Centre CAB (appointments)

Monday & Wednesday: 10 – 3 Thursday: 2 – 7

Wellington CAB (open door) Mon. & Thurs. 10 – 3
Donnington

Funded by Donnington Fair Share Trust, providing advice and support for *Donnington residents*. Sessions held at:

Wrekin Housing Trust Shop Donnington

Mondays 9.30 – 12.30 (appointments)

Lifelong Learning Centre : Thursdays 9.30 – 12.30 (drop in) 01952 401422

donningtonproject@yahoo.co.uk

Newport: Funded by Newport Town Council Outreach drop in session Friday 9.30 – 11.30 at the Guildhall Newport providing advice and support to clients from the Newport area. **NB Donnington & Newport, only single adviser present.**

The Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford.

The Local Network Fund

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Local Network Fund Grants for voluntary groups.

Does Your Group Need Money?

- Do you have a fantastic new idea for children and young people to do?
- Would you like to apply for a grant to get a project off the ground?
- Are you a local voluntary managed or community local group working with children aged between 0-19?
- Do you feel the children and young people you are working with are missing out?
- Would you like to have some fun in developing a project/activity?
- Are you a new group or thinking about starting one?

Then The Local Network Fund wants to hear from you

We are looking to work with and encourage groups that want to make a real difference in their local communities to apply for a Local Network Fund grant. We have an outreach and support service that will take your ideas and transform into an LNF application and if successful could make your idea a reality. We can offer grants of £250 to £7,000, which could result in a fantastic activity/project.

Think about being:

- imaginative
- different
- dynamic
- adventurous

Above all, be confident and enthusiastic about your idea, after all, if you are, the children and young people will be too!!!

The funding available is to support disadvantage in local communities and would be a huge loss to the area if worthy groups projects and ideas missed out on this money purely because they do not know that it is available to them for children and young people

Local voluntary or community groups interested in applying for a grant should contact the Local Network Fund Call Centre on **0845 113 0161** (RNID Type talk 180001 0845 113 0161) or Local Network Fund Development Officer Sue Saunders on Telford **(01952) 201858** or

Mobile 07976 620798.

Remember you can make a difference!!!!

You may not know that many non-living things have a gender. For Example ...

- 1) Freezer Bags: Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.*
- 2) Tyres: Male, because they go bald and they are often over-inflated.*
- 3) Hot Air Balloons: Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's lots of hot air.*
- 4) Sponges: Female because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.*
- 5) Web Pages: Female, because it's always getting hit on.*
- 6) Railway Stations: Male, because they use the same old lines to pick people up.*
- 7) Hourglass: Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.*
- 8) Hammer: Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's still handy to have around.*

Muxton Marsh at Granville Nature Reserve

A Site of Special Scientific Interest

A site with the highest status in nature conservation is not what most people would immediately expect to find in the Donnington Wood/Muxton area, but Granville Nature Reserve contains such a site, designated by English Nature as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

The part of Granville in question is Muxton Marsh, on the Western side of the wooded Freehold Pit mound, behind Marshbrook Way. It consists of a dry and wet wildflower meadow, marshy grassland, a reed bed, wet willow woodland (known as carr) and dry woodland on the pit mound. It is unusual to find such a range of dry and wet habitats in such a relatively small area, and such a diverse site in what is predominantly an urban area.

One of the delights of the site is the wildflower meadow, and here a wide variety of native plants flourish, including Southern Marsh Orchid, Gypsywort, Agrimony, Meadowsweet, Hay Rattle, Devil's-bit Scabious, Eyebright, Water Mint and Marsh Arrowgrass. Given its special importance and its fragility, however, unauthorised public access is prohibited, and therefore local people are asked to find somewhere else to stretch their legs or to take the dog for a walk. The management of the site is currently under review, as it can either be maintained as a hay meadow with an annual cut, or lightly grazed by horses. Anyone in need of a meadow for grazing by a couple of horses should contact Mike Evison at the Borough of Telford and Wrekin on 01952 202100.

For any further information contact John Powell, Shropshire Wildlife Trust on 01743 284280.



Environmental Technician

Due to restructuring within the Borough of Telford and Wrekin this Parish Council would like to welcome the new Environmental Technician for this area Adrian Corney. Many thanks go to Rob Jevons for the excellent work he has undertaken in and around the area and wish him the very best at his new location.



The Little Theatre

Wellington Road, Donnington

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some of our best loved song writers*

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evenings £4.25 con. £3.75

BOX OFFICE 01952 407959

Ash Lea Drive Community Green Launched

A cleaner, safer, greener Donnington can now be enjoyed thanks to the council, police and Wrekin Housing Trust working with the local community to clean up the area and transform a 'blot on the landscape' into a brand new community green on Ash Lea Drive.

Ash Lea Drive Community Green was opened to everyone with a successful fun day in August, with around 50 children and young people from across the Donnington Wood estate attending.

The transformation took place as part of a bigger project that is giving Ash Lea Drive a face-lift to improve the visual appearance of what had become a run-down looking area. The work so far has been joint-funded by The Wrekin Housing Trust and the council. Completed work includes the renovation of two blocks of flats, the placement of communal bin areas, landscaping and a parking area at the flats, the installation of new street lights and upgraded lighting, the installation of motorcycle barriers and of course, the creation of the fabulous community green space.

Further work has now been secured through a successful application by the Wrekin Housing Trust from the Donnington Fairshare Trust fund for £35,000 to complete the 3rd and final phase of the improvements scheme. Money for this final phase will see new fencing, improving frontages of properties and some additional planting and seating for the community green and the council will add to this by re-surfacing footpaths in spring 2007.

From the left: Kelly Anderson (WHT), Lynne Carney (Donnington Fairshare Trust fund), Cllr Liz Clare, Eileen Webb (resident) Ben Murphy (WHT)



Residents have praised the work, which also included a major clean-up of the area by Wrekin Housing Trust in July. Local resident Eileen Webb, (seen in the photo cutting ribbon), said: "The Ash Lea area has, in the past, suffered from vandalism, fly-tipping and general anti-social behaviour by a mindless few, but the local residents working with the Borough of Telford & Wrekin and The Wrekin Housing Trust have cleaned up the area to improve the local environment, and we want to keep it this way.

"We are really lucky to have this new green space and I hope everyone takes care of it and enjoys it. We are all very pleased."

Bretton Park Footpath

An application has been submitted to the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to reinstate a footpath through Bretton Park, leading alongside the old farm buildings (where Muxton Football Club once changed), and through the "maintenance" yard, and which would connect with Footpaths 7 & 8, currently shown on the definitive map, and which go on to cross over the A518 (Walkers Clock Island to the Newport Road. Both footpaths lead to Kynnersley Drive (also known locally as Dukes Drive), which in turn provides access to Kynnersley and Edgmond.

Successful determination of these applications relies heavily on evidence of use, and the more evidence that can be gathered the more chance there is of the appropriate order being published by the Council in response to the above application. Strong evidence will also help to ensure that the outcome of a published order is positive – the footpath shown as a route on the definitive map, protected and maintained in perpetuity.

If you walked the route when the surrounding land was used as a caravan site for any reason, e.g. to walk the dog, or reach the railway or canal; if you used the route before, during or after the war; if you have used it to walk from the Humbers to "Smokey Joes" or Jack Pearce's "6 day licence pub" up until about 1962, then please contact:

Andrew Careless

Senior Rights of Way Officer

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

Darby House, PO Box 212, Telford, TF3 4LB

Telephone: 01952 202176


e-mail: andrew.careless@telford.gov.uk

learndirect are now coming To a Community Centre near you each week.

Every Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am we are based at Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre. We have a choice of courses from Basic computer skills to recognised IT qualifications such as CLAIT. The opportunity is available for you to improve your Literacy and Numeracy skills by gaining a GCSE equivalent qualification. Gone are the days of sitting at a desk under exam conditions with a pen pencil, compass and ruler in hand. **learndirect** have fun, interactive courses that help get the point across. The courses take you through the subject step by step then allow you to decide when you are ready for the National Test.

Maths and English courses are **free** to all. Many of our IT courses are free to many (dependent on previous level of qualifications gained and your current employment situation). Courses can be accessed by you at any time of the day. If you work, have children are unable to step into a college due to confidence, work or anything else that life throws at you, come and find out more. As long as you have access to a computer with broadband you will be able to do a course through **learndirect**. Remember, if you don't have a computer you can use the ones available at the libraries. You can also use them at Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre on a Wednesday morning while we are there. If you are in Telford during the week, you have the use of The Learning Point computers. Don't worry if you don't know how to use a computer, one step at a time you'll be able to pick it up gradually and over time gain new skills.

For more information contact: Fiona tel: mobile: **07758 408 798** or Steve and Katie at The Learning Point tel: **01952 201108** or just drop into the Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre on a Wednesday morning and have a chat.



DO YOU WANT TO ...

- DETER PETTY CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON YOUR DOORSTEP?
- REDUCE THE FEAR OF CRIME?
- MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE?

A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME COULD BE THE ANSWER TO YOUR CONCERNS!

NHW help to link Communities, strengthen local ties with the Police and foster an atmosphere of good neighbourliness and Community Spirit. Want to know more? Please ring Anne or Jetinder at Telford Police Station on 01952 214796.

Seen fireworks at a car boot sale?
Annoyed by noisy bangs?
Worried about children buying fireworks?
To get the right answer to these and other fireworks questions ...
To find out what the law really says ...
To report fireworks problems ...

The Telford & Wrekin Fireworks Hotline

0845 402 0336




Parish Council Grants

As well as the continued sponsorship of the Beat Manager's Vehicle the Parish Council recently awarded grants totalling £813 to the following organisations:

Donnington Friendship Club	£250
Telford Drive	£100
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£180
Little Blossoms Pre-school	£283

Waste Not, Want Not



Donnington Wood's Lifelong Learning Centre recently became host to a new household waste reduction and recycling initiative, entitled *Waste Not, Want Not*. Set up by local volunteer Mandy Edwards, this venture has until recently taken the form of a weekly two hour advice surgery provided by Mandy, working in conjunction with Matthew James (Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council's Waste Minimisation Officer), at the Centre's Community Café on term time Fridays, between 11 am and 1pm.

Local residents and Centre users have been encouraged to come along with any queries, comments or positive ideas about how to *reduce* their household rubbish production, *reuse* precious resources, and *recycle* where possible. Mandy's aim is to promote the social and economic benefits of embracing a 'greener', more environmentally friendly lifestyle within her community, having found it beneficial herself. *Waste Not, Want Not* has already elicited positive responses from users of the Learning Centre and will soon be branching out to offer more specific information sessions on waste-related topics at several times throughout the year, beginning in mid-late October (date to be announced).

Mandy says, "I feel that people may find a targeted range of information sessions (on subjects such as real nappy use, home composting, energy and money-saving measures etc.) useful and would like to draw as many local residents along to the Centre as possible to pick up on the positive, creative and often money-saving, aspects of waste reduction". Details of the five sessions that *Waste Not, Want Not* are planning will be available soon in local free press and doorstep leaflets, or Mandy can be contacted via the Lifelong Learning Centre on **01952 272466**.

Little Blossoms Pre-school

'Little Blossoms' Pre school, is a new group, setting up within the Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre, based in their purpose built childcare room.

We are due to open in January 07 for children aged 2+.

The committee and their manager are currently working to ensure that Little Blossoms pre-school is the very best environment for your child, in order to learn through play, make new friends and have fun!

Our sessions will be 'mornings only' on a term time basis.

If you would be interested in a place for your child on opening, or for further information, please contact either Deb (Pre school committee member) at the Lifelong Learning Centre, or Kate/Debbie on **01952 270058**.



Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre



Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday December 9th from 10am – 2pm.

There will be various stalls plus raffle and tombola

The community café will be open serving food during the fayre.

Bring the children along to see Father Christmas in his Grotto and then the children can take part in two taster sessions being run by the Family Learning Advocate.

New Telephone Numbers

Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre now has a new telephone system so this means the numbers have had to change.

The new numbers are as follows:

Julie Millington Lifelong Learning Worker	382201
Sharon Price Centre Manager	382202
Rose Gregory Community Café Manager	382203

New School Telephone Numbers

Burton Borough	386500	St Matthews C of E	386260
Donnington Wood C of E	386660	The Sutherland School	387800
Donnington Wood Infants	386640	Wrockwardine Wood Arts College	388300
Lilleshall Primary	388430	Wrockwardine Wood C of E	387880
Muxton Primary	387690	Wrockwardine Wood Infants	387860



In June 2002, the Borough of Telford and Wrekin introduced a Wheels 2 Work scheme which assists individuals who live or work in rural areas, who have little or no transport provision, to access employment and training. Since the scheme began it has assisted 276 people and offered 153 people transport solutions in entering the labour market and enrolling on valuable training courses, something that would not have been possible without Wheels 2 Work.

Accessibility to employment and training opportunities are extremely limited when there is little or no transport provision and this can have a huge impact on a person's self-worth and confidence. Wheels 2 Work provides an opportunity to benefit an individual's career in the long run by offering an interim scheme until people are financially and physically able to transport themselves to and from training and work.

The scheme offers several options:

- a moped loan for up to 6 months
- a bicycle loan
- taxi vouchers
- two latest options - subsidised driving lessons and vehicle grants.
- car sharing information
- personal travel plans

All relevant circumstances are taken into consideration and each option is subject to eligibility.

One success story involves an 18 year old man who had obtained a job 7 miles from home. Public transport was extremely limited, involved an hour and a quarter journey and two buses that did not fit the shift patterns. He had been cycling to work but the journey home after a long shift, sometimes at night, was exhausting, difficult and could not be maintained. He got in touch with the Wheels 2 Work coordinator who arranged the loan of a moped, enabling him to make the journey more safely and quickly, enhancing his job stability. He stated "Having the loan of a moped kept me in the job". During the loan period he was able to take driving lessons, successfully pass his driving test and purchase a car.

Individuals that have taken part in Wheels 2 Work have commented on how supportive the scheme has been, how it has opened doors that would have previously been closed, and how fulfilled they are in employment and having taken part in training that has enhanced their career prospects. The scheme has been very successful and the Borough of Telford and Wrekin are raising awareness to encourage more people to get involved and take advantage of the benefits the scheme can bring.

For information visit The Borough of Telford and Wrekin's website and follow the links Transport Streets and Parking, Telford Travelink, Wheels 2 Work. Information regarding referrals to the scheme through training agencies such as Connexions and Jobcentre plus, and colleges such as TCAT and New College, can be found on this link. For further information call Jane Bowyer on 01952 202816, e-mail janebowyer@telford.gov.uk or visit www.wheels2work.org.uk

A bill collector knocked on the door of a country debtor.

"Is Fred home?" he asked the woman who answered the door. "Sorry," the woman replied. "Fred's gone for cotton." The next day the collector tried again. "Is Fred here today?" "No, sir," she said, "I'm afraid Fred has gone for cotton." When he returned the third day he humphed, "I suppose Fred is gone for cotton again,?" "No," the woman answered solemnly, "Fred died yesterday." Suspicious that he was being avoided, the collector decided to wait a week and investigate the cemetery himself. But sure enough, there was poor Fred's tombstone, with this inscription: Gone, But Not for Cotton."

Donnington Wood Clean Up Day

As a result of a walkabout earlier in the year, the Trust became aware of problems that residents were experiencing with the general appearance of the estate, and in response agreed to help by undertaking a clean-up day on 21st July 2006.

On the day, the team collected over **100 tonnes** of litter and rubbish from people's homes, which equates to an incredible thirty-two large wagonloads. Additionally, as a one off to assist residents, the Trust cut back nineteen hedges and trimmed seven overgrown gardens.

The Trust will now be increasing its focus on improving the appearance of the Donnington Wood estate. Staff will be undertaking more estate and home inspections, to ensure that residents and agencies are playing an equal part in looking after the estate.

New Opportunities

The Wrekin Housing Trust is expanding – as part of our growth strategy we have acquired some new homes to rent at two new developments in South West Stafford. We are offering our existing tenants in Newport, the opportunity to move to one of these brand new homes.

The Brindley Manor development is located in the Staffordshire town of Stone, with the high street in easy reach and fast access from the development to the A34 and M6. Stone is a traditional market town that mixes the atmosphere and amenities of a thriving town centre with the tranquillity of a picturesque countryside, meaning there is something for everyone.

Also available are properties at The Crossings, a superb development located close to the centre of Stafford. The site provides easy access to the range of excellent modern facilities of the town, and yet is on the doorstep of the beautiful Staffordshire countryside.

The Trust is offering a range of two and three bedroom homes, to include houses, apartments and maisonettes, built by the UK's largest house builder – 'Persimmon Homes'.

Tenant Panel Meetings

The Wrekin Housing Trust is looking for new Tenant Panel members to represent all areas.

If you are a Trust tenant and think you can spare a few hours each month or know of a friend or neighbour who would be interested in getting involved, please contact The Wrekin Housing Trust on 217100.

This is not necessarily a longer-term commitment – each meeting last just a couple of hours and tenants can attend as many or as few as suits their other commitments.

We can provide help with transport to and from the meetings which are held in the Trust shop in Donnington, and refreshments are provided.

The dates for the next meetings are:

30th November 2006 25th January 2007 22nd March 2007

The Wrekin

Housing Trust

Great Female Comebacks

Man: "Is this seat empty?" Woman: "Yes, and this one will be too if you sit down."

Man: "So, wanna go back to my place?" Woman: "Well, I don't know. Will two people fit under a rock?"

Man: "Your place or mine?" Woman: "Both. You go to yours and I'll go to mine."

Man: "I want to give myself to you." Woman: "Sorry, I don't accept cheap gifts."

Man: "I'd go through anything for you." Woman: "Good! Let's start with your bank account"



Lottery money where it's needed most

The Fair Share Trust programme has recently awarded funding for two projects aimed at improving the environment in Donnington & Donnington Wood. Wrekin Housing Trust has achieved funding to install new perimeter fencing in Ash-Lea Drive, improving the area around the new community green space. The grant will also pay for street furniture and planting for the green and cosmetic improvements to the frontages of the housing in Ash-Lea Drive.

Meanwhile BTCV have been awarded funding to develop their 'Green Gym' project in Donnington & Donnington Wood, offering opportunities for local people to get involved in carrying out environmental improvement projects in their area, and getting fit into the bargain!

Fair Share Trust is National Lottery money put aside specifically for projects in Donnington and Donnington Wood. For further information please contact: Lynne Carney, Development Officer – Fair Share Trust, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford TF2 8HG
Tel: 01952 677304 Mobile: 07896 312984 email: fairsharetrust@tiscali.co.uk

Fair Share Trust is administered and managed by The Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford.



**The Community Foundation
for Shropshire and Telford**
President: Algernon Heber-Percy Esq. Lord Lieutenant



Garden Competition
2006 - Results

Environmentally Friendly Garden
1st – Mrs Lin Cawthorne
2nd – Mr M Cadman

Front Garden
1st – Mr D Johnson 2nd – Mrs J Rozzell

Back Garden
1st – Mr Ted Lowe 2nd – Mr D Johnson

Prettiest Container
1st – Mrs L Cooke 2nd – Mr R Fowles

Patio/Courtyard
1st – Mr R D Slade
2nd – Mr & Mrs Margerrison

Children's Container
1st – Miss K Craddock
& T Craddock
2nd – Miss I Locke

Overall Winner
Mrs Lin Cawthorne

Twenty Pounds

"Hey, Mom," asked Little Johnny, "can you give me twenty pounds?" "Certainly not," she said. "If you do," he went on, "I'll tell you what dad said to the maid when you were at the beauty shop." His mother's ears perked up and, grabbing her purse, she handed over the money. "Well? What did he say?" "He said, 'Hey, Marie, make sure you wash my socks tomorrow.'"

Charity Collections

Many charities now ask householders for old clothes and other items, which can be sold for charitable purposes. However, not everyone who comes to your home, or drops a plastic bag is operating on behalf of a charity. Some collectors will be businesses, asking for unwanted items which can be sold for profit. Typically as is happening all across Telford and Wrekin, householders receive flyers through their letterboxes appealing for donations of unwanted clothes, footwear, and sometimes other household and electrical items to be distributed to poor individuals and families in Eastern European or third world countries.

The flyers give the misleading impression that the items are being collected for charitable purposes. In reality the collections seem to be organised by commercial operators who sell the donated items. The validity of the collection can be checked by ringing the charity commission on 0870 3333636

Chair's Fun Day

The Chair, Ms Cindy Mason, is planning a "Chair's Fun Day" to take place around the beginning of April 07.



If you would like to help with organising the day or to have your group participate or provide a display then please contact the Parish Office on 608001.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

The LDF Submission Consultation Documents have been produced and are available to view on the Borough Council's website www.telford.gov.uk

If you do not have access to the web site then they can be viewed at the Council's Offices at Darby House and Civic Office.

Comments are requested in writing prior to 14th November 2006.

New Sub-Committee

The Parish Council has set up a new sub-committee to manage and maintain the condition of the trees on Parish Council owned land. It will examine the condition of the current trees and plan for the future.

Bulletin Board

Do you have an event happening in the Parish? If so, why not let everyone know about it by advertising it on the Parish Council Web Site "Bulletin Board".

To view it on the website go to www.ldpc.org and click on the icon below on the Home Page.



Events at Silver Threads Hall until 31/12/06

Bingo Afternoon
Saturday 18th November
2pm - 4pm £3

Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December
10am - 1pm

Bingo Afternoon with mince pies
Saturday 9th December 1pm - 3pm £4

Christmas Quiz & Christmas Buffet
Friday 15th December 5pm - 7pm £5

New Bench

A new bench has been purchased and installed at the bus stop on St George's Road near High Mount, Donnington.

"Quality of Life" Issues

A third "Quality of Life" meeting will be held at Muxton Primary School, Marshbrook Way, on Wednesday 22nd November 2006 commencing at 7pm.

Members from the Parish Council, West Mercia Police Authority and Highways Borough of Telford and Wrekin will be present to take questions from local residents. It will also consist of an update regarding issues previously raised.

St Michael's Church, Lilleshall

The wall around St Michael's Church, Lilleshall has now been fully repaired. However, work will soon be underway to remove a Horse Chestnut Tree from the grounds due to its unsafe condition. This will mean that the road around the Church will be closed.

Christmas Lights

The Parish Council Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6pm at The Parade, Donnington on Thursday 30th November.

Christmas Services at St Matthew's, Donnington Wood

Thurs, Dec. 14 at 6.30pm, Carols by Candlelight with St. Matthew's School.

Sun. Dec. 17 at 5pm, Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight with Telford Lions.

Sun. Dec. 24 at 4pm: Carols Around the Crib & 11.30pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight.

Mon. Dec. 25 at 10am: Christmas Family Eucharist with Carols.

A warm welcome for all at all our services.

A college pizza delivery boy arrived at the house of Mr. Smith. He delivered the pizza to his trailer. After giving it to him, Mr. Smith asked: "What is the usual tip?"
"Well," replied the youth, "this is my first trip here, but the other guys say if I get a quarter out of you, I'll be doing great." "Is that so?" snorted Mr. Smith. "Well, just to show them how wrong they are, here's five dollars."
"Thanks," replied the youth, "I'll put this in my school fund."
"What are you studying in school?" asked Larry. The lad smiled and said: "Applied psychology."

Timetable of Meetings

6 November 06	Council Meeting
27 November 06	Halls & Environment
11 December 06	Finance
15 January 07	Council Meeting
5 February 07	Halls & Environment
26 February 07	Finance
12 March 07	Council Meeting (in Muxton)
26 March 07	Halls & Environment
23 April 07	Finance
14 May 07	Annual Public Meeting
14 May 07 7.30	Annual Public Meeting

NB Council Elections may be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007.

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm unless otherwise stated and are open to public and press. Planning meetings are notified separately. Agendas for forthcoming meetings and Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website www.ldpc.org

Local planning applications: All local planning applications and plans are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office. Written comments can be sent to or left at the office for consideration by the Council.

Parish Council Elections

Ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? Do you want to improve the community that you live in? Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then why not come to a Parish Council meeting to see what goes on. The qualifications required to be a Councillor are as follows:

1. You are over the age of 21.
2. You must be British, Irish or European
3. You have resided in the Parish or within a 3 mile radius for at least 12 months.
4. You are an owner or a tenant *or*
5. Your principal place of work is within the area.

Parish Councils are apolitical. This means that you do not have to be a member of or have an allegiance to a political party to become a Parish Councillor. Further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on 608001.

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Advertising: If you are interested in advertising in the future editions of our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office on 608001. The Newsletter goes out three times a year, around March, July and October and is distributed in and around the Parish of Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton.

Wanted: Articles for future newsletters. If you would like to include any information or article in future newsletters, whether it is regarding your group, organisation or school activities, please ensure that you send the item in to the Clerk before Friday 2nd February 2007 (March issue.)

Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward	Donnington Ward	Muxton Ward
Andrew Baker	Elizabeth A Clare	Veronica J Brown
Graham Platt	Brian H Green	Rose Gregory
Michael J Skelton	Patricia A Green	Phil Norton
Cindy Mason	Rodney Pitt	
Clive Mason	Viv Verster	
John Thompson	Keith Watkins	

Councillors can be contacted by leaving a message for them at the Parish Office, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Tel **608001**.

Email: lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com

Useful Numbers to cut out and keep:

Abandoned Cars	619251
Borough of Telford & Wrekin	202100
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	524524
<i>(please note the number on the light)</i>	
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1461554
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	202020
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 7 831 359
Donnington Library.....	605872
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline).....	0800 77 66 00
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	617171
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
Police	0845 7 444 888
Refuse Collection	617171
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100



Free Christmas Vouchers

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council are giving away free vouchers to Old Age Pensioners as a gesture of seasonal goodwill. This year the Parish Council have purchased vouchers from Asda and the Co-op, Donnington. To claim your £5 Voucher **men and women must be over the age of 65** and **MUST** live in Lilleshall, Donnington or Muxton. Please bring proof of home address and date of birth to the Parish Office at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Vouchers can be collected from

13th November to 20th December between **9am and 2pm**. If you have any queries please call us on 608001.

Name: 1 _____ 2 _____

Address: _____

N.B. All applicants must fit the criteria set out above.

Voucher No: _____

ID Produced: _____